Two Dressed Beef Abattoirs to be Built in Allegheny

IF A BUTCHERS' BILL WINS.

Swift, the Great Chicago Slaughterer and Shipper, Scheming

TO RAISE THE PRICE OF LOCAL BEEF

By Doing His Killing Here, but Bringing His Stock From the West.

WHAT THE BUTCHERS HAVE TO SAY

Knives are sometimes so thoroughly sharpened that they are made to cut both ways. This may turn out to be the case with the big local butcher knife. The butchers, beyond a doubt, intended it to cut out Western dressed beef, either in diseased or wholesome form. Their knife was, therefore, put in the form of a legislative bill, whose provisions were, practically, to make a market for the best live stock grown in Western Pennsylvania, at more profitable rates than the present, and at the same time give the butchers more margin than they can get

from the Chicago monopolists. Nobody seems to have thought of another imminent contingency, however, until a reporter yesterday drew out the heretofore carefully concealed fact that the dressed beef people themselves expect, if they do not want, this restrictive bill to pass. Why? Well, as one of them has been secretly making arrangements to build an abattoir in Manchester, ship his Western cattle here, do the killing by wholesale and shut out local butchers, at the same time controlling the local market and raising prices 2 cents

a pound, the reason seems to be apparent. Of course it is possible, as will be readily preed, that all this is a bluff. But a local dealer in the same firm's beef promises to do likewise, and he is a resident gentleman too well known to be taken for such a bluffer. He says he believes the bill will pass, and he is only preparing for the inevitable, by arranging to slaughter Western cattle here, at an advanced price. The particulars appear below:

QUOTING THEM FOR IT.

In the course of his investigation yesterday, a DISPATCH reporter ran across some interesting facts in regard to the dressed beef bill now before the Legislature. Of paramount importance was the statement that Swift, the Chicago dressed beef millionsire, was in this city a short time ago, making observations in regard to a proposed establishment here on the Chicago plan. This, it is authoritatively said, will be erected here by him, if the bill passes. It will probably be built near the Manchester stockyards, and promises to be a mighty lively competitor for the local butchers.

Mr. S. W. Hill, the dressed beef dealer. of Allegheny, who, by the way, is now agent for Swift, said, in regard to the mat-"Yes, I have heard of this scheme of Mr.

Swift's to erect another establishment here, and I should not be at all surprised if it

"What do you think of the dressed beef bill?" asked the reporter.

"Well, there is just this about the matter: The butchers, drovers and farmers of this State, will find themselves badly mistaken if this bill is passed, as I think it will. It will not knock out our trade, as I, for my own part, intend to erect an abattoir and bring my cattle here from the West. The farmers will not get better prices for their stock, for the reason that the Western plains will still supply the market much cheaper than they can.

PRICES TO GO UP.

"The public will not be benefitted, because the beef that I now sell for 8 cents will then cost the public 10 cents, to pay for the added cost of transporting the live stock as compared with dressed beef. So, you see, the public will positively be injured." "Do you think that cattle should be in-

spected before or after killing?" 'Well, they should be inspected in both instances."

The reporter next visited Mr. G. C. Dei-

lenbach, who said: "I think that the bill will pass. The public health demands such a measure, for I know that in such large lots of cattle as are slaughtered in the Chicago abattoirs, there are certainly many diseased animals."

Messrs. Joseph Harrison and Adam Eckert were of the same opinion which is the prevailing one among the local butch-

There are, however, a few dissenting

Voices. Mr. James Reed, an old Allegheny butcher, spoke very frankly and candidly in regard to the matter. Said he: "I certainly believe that the Chicago dressed beef is as good as any killed here. It is all bosh about saying that it is not, and such speeches are only made by butchers who are looking out for their interest. The beef should be allowed to come here; it is cheap and of good quality."

Mr. Robert Wilson, of Diamond Market, expressed himself in similar tenor on the

THE FATAL WEAKNESS.

Superintendent Hainsworth's Tests Prove That He Made the Steel Too Hard-Why

That Big Gun Went to Smash. Tests are now being made on the rem nants of Pittsburg's ill-fated steel gun. Superintendent Hainsworth, of the Hainsworth Casting Company, under whose supervision the gun was cast, has charge of the tests. He was seen at his office on the corner of Twenty-sixth and Railroad streets yester-

day. "The tests," he said, "are not yet completed, but enough has been discovered to reveal wherein the fatal defects lie. I made the steel in the breech of the gun too hard, and this was the fatal weakness. The tests I have made of the trunnion of the gun show that the steel was tough and would stand severe tests. The breech of the gun I hardened twice, instead of only once, as I had the trunnion, and, in endeavoring to make the gun strong, I over-

"I have not completed the tests: but I have learned that much at least. I do not think I will ever attempt to make another gun. I am too busy at present to make the

Master Workman Ross Sued.

T. R. Lavine, a member of L. A. 6330, K. of L., has made an information before Alderman Daughty yesterday against Master Workman Ross, of D. A. 3, for \$61, which he claims is due him for benefits. Mr. Ross was seen yesterday and says he knows nothing about the claim. THE BILL'S ALL RIGHT.

An Opinion From City Solicitor Elphinstone of Allegheny, on the Act Now Before the

There seems to be a hitch in the passage of the municipal bill now before the Legislature, placing Allegheny among cities of the second class. The City Councils have approved of the bill, and the citizens have held several meetings and discussed the matter. The opinion was almost unani-mous that Allegheny had to become a city

of the second class. Some changes were made in the charter, however, which people living on the Northside do not appear to understand. Their representatives in the Legislature have received a number of telegrams telling them how to vote on the question, and the result is a big mix. The representatives do not know what to do, and telegrams from Harrisburg, received yesterday, say that the bill may not pass. This will leave Allegheny in very bad shape, and none of the politicians or office holders

and none of the politicians or office holders will volunteer an opinion on the subject. One very prominent official said:

"I do not wish to be quoted, but I will say that I believe that if the bill is not passed the same number of Councilmen will be elected. That is the important question at this time. If the bill is defeated, or not passed before the regular time for election, the Councilmen will have to be elected under a former act, as nothing else can be done."

City Solicitor Elphinstone, who has considered the matter in all its phases for weeks, heard the reports from Harrisburg last night. He was seen by a DISPATCH re-porter, and laughed when it was suggested that the bill might be defeated. Mr. Elphinstone said:

that the bill might be defeated. Mr. Elphinstone said:

This talk is nonsense. That bill is all right. It was prepared by three of the best municipal lawyers in the State, assisted by an apprentice, who is myself. The people who are now finding fault with it do not know the difference between a law book and Robinson Crusoe, and probably never read either. The law does not say that one of the assessors shall be a Democrat and one of fice holder is frightened unnecessarily. The act, from the beginning to the end, does not say a word about the election of a treasurer or a controller, as the act of 1887 provides that these offices remain as they are. The controller and treasurer in Pittsburg are elected by the people, but the act under which they are elected was passed before Pittsburg was made a city of the second class. I have no doubt that the act as proposed will be passed, and have nothing further to say except as I have said before, the bill is all right.

Chairman Hunter, of Common Councils, who is a member of the Municipal Committee, was seen last night. He had just arrived from a trip to his quarries in Butler county, and said he knew but little of the delices of the Legislature.

county, and said he knew but little of the doings of the Legislature. He admitted that he had received a telegram inviting him to go to Harrisburg and be present be-fore the House when the Municipal bill came up for the third and final reading next Tuesday. Mr. Hunter does not seem to be worried over the reports received from the Capitol and says the bill will undoubtedly be passed and he does not think his presence will be necessary. He seems to think that some people are unnecessarily worried over

A CRAZY SOLDIER'S PENSION.

His Keeper Received \$6,176 33 and Will Get \$30 Per Month.

Ellen McTiernan, keeper of James Mc-Tiernan, who became insane while in the a member military service of the Government during the rebellion, has received the first payment on the latter's pension. The back pay has been accumulating since 1864. When insanity disabled him McTiernan was discharged. He recovered and subsequently re-enlisted. The matter became so complicated that it was with difficulty that his case was made out. He had rational periods, however, and during these he succeeded finally in furnishing information that straightened out the The amount paid Miss McTiernan by the

continue to receive \$30 per month. James McTiernan is a son of the old gentleman so well known for many years as bookkeeper in the County Controller's

MIKE OBLIGED HIM.

Man Requests to Get 30 Days to th Workhouse, and He May Get It. "Officer," said a man, addressing Michael Wright, of the Southside police, last night, at the corner of South Nineteenth street, which is the easiest way for me to get 30 days to the workhouse?

"I don't know," replied Wright, "unless you go to the station house and ask them for it. I dare say they will oblige you."
"That won't do; I have tried that before I have a better way."

"I am going around this corner and find a cobblestone, and, when I get it, I shall try to smash your head with it, or else break a window around here. I guess that will do When the officer noticed that the fellow

and sent him to the lockup as a drunk. He gave his name as Robert Davis, from Belle-

tried to make his word good he gobbled him

NOT A LICENSED PLACE. The Humane Society's Ground for Denving Alleged Saloon Patronage.

Readers of THE DISPATCH will remember a case, recently reported to Mrs. Mair. of a girl who, after being left by the Humane Society at a saloon in Allegheny, was permitted to be taken in a sad condition to the County Hospital. Mrs. Mair reported the the case because, as a member of the State Board of Charities, she had investigated it and believed it to be true. Now the Humane Society denies the "saloon" allegation, on the ground that the person keeping the boarding house alluded to did not get license last spring to continue the sale drinks. The society further promises to clear its

Mair investigated, and which, by the way, were only published, without names, and not originated by, THE DISPATCH.

ALLEGING POLITICAL FRAUD.

Democratic Meeting Said to Have Been

Sold to Republicaus. When, at a Democratic primary in the Forbes school last night, a resolution was offered to support Thomas McMichael as Councilman for the Sixth ward, John Cahill opposed it, because he alleged Mc-Michael to be anything but an honest man. He proposed an amendment substituting J. L. Williams as the nominee for Council. Under a storm of cries this amendment was

Insinuations were freely made that the meeting was sold to the Republicans with a pocketful of money, and there was a lively time generally. The rest of the business before the meeting was disposed of without any noise.

Had Her Sister Arrested.

Officer Mulvehill arrested a young woman last night who had been accused by her married sister, a resident of Allegheny, of staving in a disreputable house. The girl indignantly denied the charge and refuses to go back to her home, claiming that she is engaged to be married to a New York drummer, who promises to remove her to Philadelphia and pay for her board there for a few months. She was detained, however, for an investigation to be held this

LI HUNG CHANG meets Frank G. turn will tell about the great Viceroy of China in to-morrous DISPATCH.

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MURPHY AGAINST IT.

The Temperance Apostle Says Prohibition Will Not Prohibit.

HE WOULD TEST HIGH LICENSE,

Thousands of Pledge Signers Secured by Him in Indianapolis,

HE VISITED THE PRESIDENT-ELECT

Francis Murphy, the well-known temper ance spostle, arrived home last night from Indianapolis. He has been in the Hoosier State since December 1, preaching his gospel of "With malice toward none, with charity for all." He spent three weeks at Indianapolis, where he secured 6,500 pledge signers. In ten days' work at Connersville he secured 2,000 converts. In 13 days at Terre-Haute he pinned the blue ribbon on 5,000 people, and secured 1,500 in Aurora.

While he was eating his supper at the station last night a DISPATCH reporter tried to make Mr. Murphy express himself on the temperance issue before the people, viz: The Constitutional amendment for prohibition. Mr. Murphy was averse to saying anything at all on the matter, fearing that the Prohibitionists would think he was antagonizing them. Upon solicitation,

lowever, he said: Prohibition will not prohibit, and the history of the States where it has been tried will bear me out in saying so. You cannot legislate whisk out of this country or any other country. You cannot vote it out of this State or any other great Commonwealth having the large population in its cities and the industries Pennsylvania has.

I notice the women won't have anything to do with anything that is not absolute prohibi-

A WHOLESOME ALTERNATIVE. If this whole effort is being made to get the people converted from the evil of drinking whisky by shutting it off from everybody was turned into a healthy public sentiment to sus-tain the Brooks law, there would be no need of

prohibitory laws. I hoped the true friends of temperance would have been willing to have given the Brooks law a fair trial before making any new departure. The law has been the means of educating the people in the matter of the liquor traffic. The courts have liberally interpreted the law, and the people were beginning to find out something about what law could do in prohibiting them from the evils attending

ts use. We have only had this law one year. It has reduced the number of saloons more than one-half in that time. This is cause for great thankfulness to every friend of humanity. I would now ask that we faithfully enforce this would now ask that we faithfully enforce this law, that we may see what it can do and what it cannot do. The great need of the hour is not more law, but more of Christ and his blessed gospel of peace on earth, good will to men.

While at Indianapolis I called on President-elect Harrison. He is a sincere man and one who will do his own thinking and won't allow any other person (not not even Jim Blaine) to do his thinking for him.

Mr. Murphy is a strong personal friend of John Wanamaker, and was in Indianapolis when the Quaker City clothier called on the President-elect Wednesday. The temperance apostle would not say "yes" or "no" when asked if Wanamaker would be

OF HARRISON'S CABINET,

but from his manner it would be suppose that he thinks the city of "brotherly love" will not be honored in this respect. Mr. Murphy leaves this afternoon for Youngstown where he speaks to-morrow.

A number of saloonkeepers in the vicinity of the Union station were called upon by John Martin yesterday. They were asked to fill in a blank on which were printed a number of questions. About what the former business of the signer was.
What kind of beer they keep. How many meals per day sold since May 1, 1888. Mr.
Martin told a number of people he was outized by the court to have the blanks filled in and signed. He secured very few

signers yesterday.

The first temperance meeting of a series under the auspices of the Good Templars, Sons of Temperance and the Murphy Gospel Union will be held- to-morrow night in the Avery M. E. Church, colored, corner of Avery and North streets, Allegheny. Ten speakers have been assigned to a district in the State in the interest of temperance work, and each in turn will be called in to take charge of the meetings here. Dr. Cole, of Wisconsin, will conduct

the exercises to-morrow evening. ORGANIZING THE CAMPAIGN.

Rev. Dr. Collins, the State Secretary, Off for

Johnstown to Organize. Rev. Dr. Collins, of Allegheny, Secretary of the State Constitutional Temperance Amendment (non-partisan) Association. went to Johnstown yesterday afternoon to meet the other officers of the association. and arrange for a general State convention of all friends and temperance associations in the State. This society has been quietly but busily at work for seven years in an entirely non-partisan way, and has done much, with the W. T. C. U. and others, to bring about the present climax in the State. So intensely non-partisan are some of their officers that they oppose meeting in Harrisburg, lest they be misunderstood. There is a strong pressure now to meet

there.

The object of the coming convention is to unite all parties and organize the State for victory in June. There will be no strife over a leader. He will come to the front and be recognized as soon as needed.

IT WAS MIXED UP.

A Garbled Account of the James Interview Cabled to London.

A very garbled account of the interview published in this paper on Wednesday morning with Mr. Edward James, the English tin plate manufacturer, was cabled

In reply the statement was made that Mr. James was a "crank," and did not represent the Hope Iron and Tin Plate Company, of Tipton. Mr. James did not claim te represent the company, but said he had had an interest in the concern, but was

frozen out, The fact that he came to America to engage in business disproves the statement that he is a crank.

Providing for Old Soldiers.

A large meeting of old soldiers is expected in Select Council chamber this evening to take action on the bill before the Legislature providing for the appointment of old soldiers to State, city and sounty

The Bobbies Take a Bout or Two. The gymnasium of the Twelfth ward station has been fixed up, and the enchantment of boxing has given Patrolman Stitzer a sprained armfand Patrolman O'Neil a pair of darkened eyes. Sergeant Gray is thus far the champion.

Knocked Down by a Train.

A train on the Castle Shannon Railroad struck William A. Golden at 10:30 o'clock last night, broke two of his ribs and injured him seriously about the face and hands. He was taken to the Homeopathic Hospital.

The Last Victim of the Cyclone. An inquest on the body of Quintius Reiber, another victim of the Wood and Diamond streets disaster, who died at the Homeopathic Hospital yesterday, will be

OUT OF THE DEPTHS.

Committee of Prominent Coal Operator Leave for New Orleans-Cheaper to Float Coal Than to Mine It.

The Pittsburg and Southern Coal Compa ny held a special meeting yesterday morn ing at their rooms in the Iron Exchange building. All the leading operators on the river are represented in this association. Following is a report of their proceedings: It was decided that it was impossible to grant an increase in the price of mining, or even the same rates that have been paid. Some of the

operators who are members of the organization wanted to reduce the price of mining in the first three pools to 234 cents per bushel instead of 234 cents. The present price is 8 cents, and the miners will insist that this rate be contin-When President Walton called the meeting to order yesterday morning several members objected to paying more than 2½ cents for mining, and a number objected to starting up the mines at any price. It was claimed that the

association had enough coal at New Orleans to supply the trade for nine months, and they did sappy the trade for line months, and they do not believe it was necessary to resume opera-tions at the present time, unless the miners would accept a reduction in wages. It was stated that the association had from 300 to 400 boat loads of coal at the New Orleans port, estimating the quantity at 7,500,000 busi-els. This will supply the trade for several months.

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A motion was then made and carried to send a committee to New Orleans to look after the interests of the members of the association. The following named committed was appointed: Messrs. Joseph Walton, W. W. O'Neil and Simpson Horner. This committee left last night. Captain W. W. O'Neil is in Natchez, Miss., and the Secretary telegraphed him to meet the committee, and he agreed to accompany them. meet the committee, and he agreed to accompany them.
While in New Orleans the committee will look after the sunken boats of coal that are now being raised from the bottom of the Mississippi river. It is believed that fully three-fourths of the coal will be saved. This will all be shipped to New Orleans.
Captain I. N. Bunton, of Joseph Walton & Co., said yesterday that he did not believe work would be resumed at the Monongaheia river mines whether the men would accept the

river mines whether the men would accept the reduction offered or not. He said the operators had all the coal they needed, and did not propose to pay a high price for having coal mined when there is no market for it.

THEY WILL GO IT ALONE.

The Miners in the Connellsville Region Decide to Ignore the K. of L.

Twenty-eight delegates responded to the call for the first delegate meeting of the Miners' National Progressive Union, which was held at Everson yesterday. A permanent organization was effected by electing Richard Davis President; William Mullen, Secretary and Treasurer: James Hart, Vice President, and the following for members of the Executive Board: Joseph Welch, Joseph Neuner, Thomas Burns, Owen Durkin and James McPherson. All the officers, with the exception of McPherson, held like positions in the defunct Miners' and Mine Laborers' Amalgamated Association, and it is looked on as a reorganization under a new name. The overture made by the Knights of Labor for joint action in secur-ing a scale was ignored, and by an almost unanimous vote, it was decided to go it alone and strike for a uniform scale on February 1, unless satisfactory arrange-ments can be made before that time. The scale will call for a slight increase

over the one now in force at the Frick works. It will be decided to-day whether a strike will be inaugurated or not, as the Knights of Labor meet in delegate conven-tion. In the last month, through the efforts of Master Workman Rea, the Knights of Labor have gained considerable strength, but there is a question as to whether they will display the conservatism that they have in the past. Great interest is manifested in to-day's meeting, and there will likely be a strike.

The Knights of Labor will elect a delegate to attend the Labor convention at Harrisburg, which will be held next Tuesday.

THEY WANT RATES RESTORED. Prominent Pig Iron Men Hold a Consultation

With Railroad Officials. An important meeting of pig iron manuacturers and railroad men was held at the Monongahela House yesterday afternoon. The object of the gathering was to discuss freight rates, the various companies whose lines lead to the West having raised the rates from January 1 about from 10 to 25

per cent. The pig iron men naturally objected and asked the railroad men to meet them and hear their arguments on the subject, which, they claimed, would show that the advance in rates was unwarranted. The railroad men heard the arguments and, it is said, they seemed to be convinced that the advance was unjust, and agreed to bring the matter before the meeting of the Presidents of the trunk lines to be held in New York

next Thursday.

The most prominent pig iron manufacturers present at the meeting yesterday were H. O. Bonnell, J. G. Butler, W. F. Bonnell, Robert Bentley, William Hitchcock, S. McClure, all of Youngstown; C. D. Rhodes and J. J. Shearman, of Sharon; Henry B. Shields, of Girard, and C. N. Schmick, of Letonia. These manufacturers compose the Mahoning Valley Iron Com-pany, and Mr. H. O. Bonnell is the Presi-

Mr. Shearman, in a talk with a DIS-PATCH reporter at the close of the meeting, said he believed the old freight rates would be restored. All the members of the association who were present at the meeting seemed to be pleased over the result.

THE SHUTDOWN WILL CONTINUE.

River Coal Operators Refuse to Pay the Former Rates for Mining.

An important meeting of the Coal Ex change was held yesterday afternoon at the office of John A. Woods & Co. This organization regulates prices on the river, but has nothing to do with the operations of the Pittsburg and Southern Coal Company. Following is a report of what the Exchange

did yesterday:

Several operators were admitted to membership, and although Secretary Richard Barrows was instructed not to give any information for publication, the proceedings of the meeting were learned by a representative of this

were learned by a representative of this paper.
Captain Simpson Horner, the oldest coal operator on the river, presided. There were present about 35 operators. Many of them only mine coal and sell their product to shippers. The demands of the miners that the 3-cent rate in the first three pools be continued was considered at length. It was finally decided that the only rate that the operators can afford to pay 12% cents and 2% cents in the the fourth pool. It was stated by some of the members of the Exchange that they preferred to remain idle rather than continue the wages paid when the mines were closed.

rather than continue the wages paid when the mines were closed.

After deciding to continue the shutdown indefinitely the matter of representation in the joint convention of miners and operators to be held at Indianapolis next month was discussed. It was decided to appoint a committee to attend the convention, and it will consist of Messrs. John O. Wood, W. W. O'Neil and Addison Lysle.

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One of the members of the Exchange reported that two mines in the fourth pool are in operation. They are the Snowden and the Knobb mines. One is being operated at the 2½-cent rate and the other at 2 cents. The operators of these mines are not members of

THEY OBJECT TO FOLLOW BOARDS. A Very Brief Strike of Stove Molders Over

in Allegheny. The molders employed at the Ferneliff Stove Foundry of F. L. Voegtly & Co., on South Canal street, Allegheny, struck yes-terday against the introduction of "follow boards" into the foundry. They claim that this will result in a reduction in wages. The men were out only a few hours, when they returned to work under protest, having received orders from the Molders' Union to do so until the matter can be investigated.

Glassworkers Strike. About 30 men employed at the Specialty Glass Works, at East Liverpool, struck yesterday because the firm refused to pay their price on a new mold introduced. The matter will likely be settled within the next few ONE MORE ASYLUM

Likely to Be Constructed In or Very Near Our Present Dixmont.

CHIEF ELLIOT'S SCHEME AT LAST To Be Given a Hearing and Careful Consideration by Legislators.

WHAT THE VETERAN OFFICIAL SAYS

burg yesterday, advocates of the establish-ment of an additional insane asylum for Western Pennsylvania will be heard next Tuesday evening in the hall of the House. Chief Elliot, of the Department of Charities, was asked for particulars last evening and he rehearsed the causes that led to the institution of the project. It grew out of the fact that the Poor House for this county, at Homestead, was built early in the '50's, and that the site has been so encroached upon as to make the institution no longer sufficient for the work required of it. It is now in the center of a dense population and crowded by blast furnaces and other works never even dreamed of by its projectors 40 years ago. Beside this the buildings are now inadequate for the purpose required,

and the sick and insane CANNOT GET THE ATTENTION necessary to their comfort or well being. Certain diseases also, for which the victims hemselves are to blame, are not treated by our city hospitals, and patients afflicted by them go to the Poor Farm, which adds to the discomfort of worthy subjects of medical charity.

The matter was brought before Judge Stowe, an application having been made to have the indigent insane sent either to Warren or Dixmont hospitals. The matter was submitted to Attorny Frazier as master, and he took testimony. A lawyer named Han-cock and Superintendent Kerwin, of the Warren assylum, succeeded in showing that there was no room there, and Geo. Shiras, Esq., and the physician at Dixmont demonstrated that the latter institution had 600 nations while it was only intended had 600 patients, while it was only intended to accommodate 400. Judge Stowe, in commenting on the testimony taken by Master Frazier, stated there wasn't any doubt that a grievous wrong was being perpetrated by the system as it at present existed, and it would appear that

A STRONG CASE will be made out. Chief Elliot states that

at present all the room occupied by the in-sane at City Farm is needed to properly acommodate the sick. The purpose is to locate the asylum in Beaver county, not, Mr. Elliot says, be-cause Mr. Dravo is handling the measure, but because that county is most cen-tral and has all the natural advant-ages required, high ground, good water, etc. It is intended for the accommodation of Beaver, Washington, Greene, Lawrence, Armstrong, Mercer, Indians, Westmore-land, Fayette and Allegheny counties. For the maintenance of each patient the State will pay \$2, and each county will be required to pay a like amount for each patient sent

At the session on next Tuesday evening City Attorney Moreland, Dr. Wylie and Chief Elliot will represent the county. Mr. Elliot thinks so strong a case will be made out that the necessity for an additional asylum will be apparent on its face to the Legislature.

THE ONLY MRS. RAWSON.

She Compels the Court to Refuse to Admit Certain Testimony.

CHICAGO, January 25 .- At the trial of Mrs. Rawson to-day Conductor Loomis was called upon to testify as to certain charges of misconduct by Mrs. Rawson on board a sleeping car in 1885. At this Mrs. Rawson jumped up, and in a very decided manner called out loudly that the paper she had in her hand was a full retraction of the infamous charges. "The witness, Loomis," Mrs. Rawson said, hysterically, "is a liar and perjurer, and I won't sit here and listen to him."

Judge Tuthill mildly rebuked her, saying: "Mrs. Rawson, your conduct is con-trary to the rules of the court, and you must be quiet."
"But I can't have that man lying about

Here Mr. Crews, her attorney, walked over to the excited woman and said: "If you have any sense left, for goodness sake keep quiet." Mr. Crews' supplication, however, was not acted on, and Mrs. Rawson was just ready to break out again when one of the bailiffs put his hand on her shoulder and told have a six down. shoulder and told her to sit down. "I won't do it," she screamed.

to jail first," and shook afresh the paper which she said was a retraction of the charges made in connection with the sleeping car trip.

The Gordian knot was finally cut by Judge Tuthill ruling out Loomis' evidence. A letter was received this morning by one of the ladies who is Mrs. Rawson's particular friend. It was anonymous, written evidently in a man's handwriting. The writer threatened to destroy the reputation of the lady on account of her friendship for Mrs. Rawson. It appears that all the ladies who have interested themselves in the case have received similar letters. The handwriting

in each is different, and all was masculine.

SLASHED WITH A CASEKNIFE. Frank Furness, of Allegheny, Attempts to

Commit Snicide, but Fails. Frank Furness, a young man living in Peach alley, near Madison avenue, Allegheny, made a dismal failure while attempting to commit suicide. He is a single man and has been drinking heavily for several days. Yesterday he declared that his mother and sisters were not giving him "a square deal," and he did not care to live. He took a caseknife, and, going into a room on the second floor, attempted to end

his existence by cutting his throat. He made a bad job of it, however, and only succeeded in drawing blood.

The officers of patrol station No. 1 were notified and took the young man to the lockup. He was thoroughly saturated with the crimon fluid when the company of the comp the crimson fluid when he arrived, and as he did not seem to be seriously injured he was placed in a cell. As soon as the door was locked, he drew a pipe from his pocket and began to smoke. He said he was sorry that his attempt at suicide was a failure. City Physician Woodburn was called and examined the wound. He pronounced it serious, but not necessarily fatal, and

had the patient removed to the Allegheny General Hospital. DETERMINED BURGLARS.

After Failing at a Bank They Attack the Village Postoffice. CHARLESTOWN, N. H., January 25,-A

bold but unsuccessful attempt was made last night to rob the Connecticut River National Bank in this town. Two brick walls surrounding the vaults were torn away by an explosion but the granite vault proved impenetrable. An attempt to drill the steel locks also failed. The burglars left the bank and broke into the postoffice, w they obtained \$25 in money and stamps. 'A Lima Lunatic Going Home.

Samuel Keefer, a resident of Lima, O., will be sent home to-day by the Department of Charities. Keefer is 65 years old and is at present confined in the county jail. He is partially insane or simple, and cannot concentrate his mind on any one subject for any length of time. He was picked up on the street by a policeman some ten days ago unable to tell anything of himself.

ASSESSING THE OUTLYING WARDS. The Great Variance in Prices of Proper

That Recent Sales Show. These are the days when the assessors are wrestling with the valuation of rural property-that is to say in the suburban wards. As was predicted the task is more difficult than was even the assessing of the built-up business property. Much of the difference in views and estimates comes now from the

In views and estimates comes now from the clause implying prices at recent sales to be the standard; as where lots are sometimes sold for building purposes there is not an equal demand for all the property in the neighborhood at like prices.

In some quarters records of recent sales vary a great deal. Thus, at Shadyside there have been great prices paid within a year or two for eligible building sites. Some property on Ellsworth avenue has sold at \$20,000 an acre or over, and again there have been Pursuant to a resolution offered by Repre-entative Dravo in the House at Harriserty on Ellsworth avenue has sold at \$20,000 an acre or over, and again there have been sales there at a rate over \$30,000 per acre. On Fifth avenue in places as high as \$150 per foot front has been paid, and at other points on the same avenue, seemingly almost as eligible, recent sales are very much lower. On the new boulevard property in the Twenty-first ward it is not long since the property was bought in bulk for about \$5,000 an acre, but when retailed in lots it brought over double that sum. Which of these transactions is to govern the valuation of transactions is to govern the valuation of property which has not lately changed hands is the nut to crack.

The assessors are going along patiently and hearing and noting carefully all objections to the valuations as made in their first late.

draft. In a great many cases the affidavits and statements of owners showing where ex-ceptional sales do not afford an accurate criterion of values of neighboring property, will have a material effect in modifying first estimates.

On all hands it is agreed that the assessors have never had so difficult a task as this year. So much evidence and arguments have to be heard that it will be a long while yet before definite and final conclusions can be reached as to the bulk of the property in

the outlying wards. LICENSE APPLICATIONS INCREASE.

Probability that There Will Be a Perfect Avalanche of Them Soon. There were 38 applications for liquor lienses prepared by four Aldermen of the Southside yesterday, and the indications are that the number of applications will be much larger this year than last year.

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